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Irrigation facilities in Guntur district.

* 155 *Q.*—Sri R. SURYANARAYANA RAO: Will the Hon. the Minister for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government passed orders in September last to provide irrigation facilities for certain survey numbers in Garikapadu village, Bapatla taluk, Guntur district;

(*b*) whether ayacutdars have agreed to pay the cost of acquisition of lands required for providing irrigation facilities;

(*c*) whether any action has been taken so far to carry out the orders of Government;

(*d*) whether delay in this case as in the case of others has been brought to the notice of Government, and if so, what action they propose to take especially when the schemes affect "Grow More Food" campaign; and

(*e*) whether the Government have devised any method to ensure carrying out of such schemes without undue delay?

The Hon. Sri KALA VENKATA RAO:—"(*a*) Yes.

"(*b*) Some of the ryots are not willing to bear the cost of acquisition of the land and some are objecting to the acquisition itself.

"(*c*) No action can be taken in the matter unless and until all the ryots agree to bear the cost of acquisition *pro rata*.

"(*d*) No delay has been brought to the notice of the Government in this case.

"(*e*) No. Proceedings under the Land Acquisition Act in such cases are usually expedited wherever necessary and possible.

"The question of altering the procedure under the Act so as to expedite acquisition of lands required for Grow More Food schemes and the execution of such works is also separately under consideration."

Sri R. SURYANARAYANA RAO:—"In view of the fact that the Grow More Food Campaign has become very important, I want to know, Sir, whether the Government to enact any statute and whether they will expedite its enactment?"

The Hon. Sri KALA VENKATA RAO:—"The question is being examined by a separate committee and a special officer of the Government of India. As soon as the report is available, necessary provision will be made."

Blake Choultry Inam Land in Bellary.

* 156 *Q.*—Sri R. SURYANARAYANA RAO: Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Health be pleased to state—

(*a*) Whether what is known as the Blake Choultry Inam Land in Bellary Municipality forms part of any Town-Planning Scheme;

(*b*) whether the said land has been alienated in favour of the Municipality;

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(c) whether there is any proposal to convert the said land into house-sites and auction them; and

(d) whether the Collector of Bellary has sold any or all portions of the land as house-sites?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" (a) A portion of the land comprising the Blake Choultry Inam forms part of the Satyanarayanapet Town-Planning Scheme, Bellary.

" (b) No. The Bellary Municipality is reported to have applied to the Collector for alienation of the land.

" (c) Yes.

" (d) No."

SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO :—" Will the Hon. the Minister state, Sir, whether a land already included in the Town-Planning Scheme can be alienated in favour of the Municipality or private party? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" The Municipality will have the priority."

SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO :—" If alienation is made will the Government impose any conditions to see that it is used for house sites only?"

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" Yes, Sir."

Government Royapettah Hospital, Madras.

* 157 Q.—MRS. M. N. CLUBWALA : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Health be pleased to state—

(a) what the number of beds provided in the Government Royapettah Hospital, Madras, is;

(b) whether there have been complaints that neither the accommodation provided nor the number of beds is sufficient;

(c) what provision exists for X-ray treatment;

(d) whether the X-ray apparatus of the hospital was temporarily removed and if so, when it is proposed to be restored;

(e) whether the patients needing X-ray treatment have to be sent every day to the General Hospital;

(f) whether the staff employed, both honorary and paid, is qualified to deal with all cases both surgical and medical including those requiring X-ray treatment; and

(g) whether the hospital is provided with sufficient number of House Surgeons and House Physicians?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" (a) The hospital has 150 beds.

" (b) In 1945, the Surgeon-General reported that the growing needs of the hospital necessitated an increase in its bed strength and he has been asked to submit definite proposals in the matter, in due course.